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## Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

## Message from Sandra Doorley

*Why is Kirk Ashton out of custody?*

*There have been many questions about why the former Hilton Principal is no longer in jail before his trial. In his two pending cases, bail has been addressed six separate times. The timeline is below.*

*On April 14, 2021, Kirk Ashton was arraigned on six counts of Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, five counts of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and 9 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in front of Greece Town Judge Campbell. This is in relation to nine victims. Bail was set at \$500,000 cash, \$1,000,000 bond, \$2,500,000 partially secured bond, as requested by the prosecution.*

*On April 19, 2021, the defense requested a bail application in front of the Part I Judge, Judge Dollinger. The prosecution requested that bail remain the same, the bail was lowered to \$350,000 cash, \$1,000,000 bond, \$2,500,000 partially secured bond.*

*On April 28, 2021, Kirk Ashton was arraigned in Monroe County Court in front of Judge Bailey Turner, where an additional two victims were included in the indictment, bringing the total to 11 victims. At the arraignment, the prosecution requested that the bail remain the same. At the request of the defense, the bail was lowered to \$250,000 cash, \$1,000,000 bond, \$2,500,000 partially secured bond.*

*On June 21, 2021, an indictment was unsealed charging Kirk Ashton with an additional 28 counts relating to fifteen new victims, for a total of 26 victims in two separate indictments. This indictment was unsealed and the defendant was arraigned in front of Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner. At the time of the arraignment, the prosecution requested consecutive bail be set in addition to the bail on the previous indictment. The prosecution requested that the bail be doubled in light of the new charges and victims. Instead, the bail was set concurrent (the same) for both indictments, remaining at \$250,000 cash, \$1,000,000 bond, \$2,500,000 partially secured bond, which covered both indictments.*



## Homicide Update

So far in 2021:

City of Rochester Total: 64

Monroe County Total: 72

*On July 30, 2021, the defense requested another bail application in front of Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner. The prosecution requested that the bail not be lowered. The defense requested the cash bail be set at \$20,000. Judge Bailey Turner lowered the bail to \$175,000 cash, \$250,000 bond, \$750,000 partially secured bond.*

*September 17, 2021, the most recent bail application, the defense requested another bail application in front of Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner. The prosecution requested that the bail not be lowered. The defense requested the cash bail be set at \$20,000. Judge Bailey Turner lowered the bail to \$100,000 cash, \$175,000 bond, \$500,000 partially secured bond.*

*On October 18, 2021, Kirk Ashton posted bail in the amount of \$100,000 cash. He was released on his posted bail later on 10/19 and is set up with electronic home monitoring.*

*In anticipation of his release, the Greece Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office are aware of the situation and will be monitoring closely.*

*The Monroe County District Attorney's Office is prepared to bring this case to trial as soon as possible.*

*Sandra*

## Highlights from the MCDA's Office

**Miguel Cotto** was convicted by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento of one count of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child for the ongoing abuse against a child under the age of 13. This abuse occurred on or about and between November 2018 and January 2020. Miguel Cotto will be sentenced on November 18, 2021, in front of New York State Justice Argento. He faces a minimum of 10 years – Life in the New York State Department of Corrections and a maximum of 25 years – Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

**Jacquinn Snow** was indicted Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Aggravated Criminal Contempt and two counts of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation. These charges are in relation to actions against one victim in August and September in 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Gina Clark, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Shyheim Clay** was indicted on Robbery in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, three counts of Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Criminal Mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Petit Larceny. All of these charges are related to events on November 26, 2020, against two victims. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Drew Kroft, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Dustin Broderick** was indicted on Vehicular Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Vehicular Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree two counts of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or of Alcohol and any Drug and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. These allegations stem from a vehicular event on April 14, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Eric Hurd, of the DWI Bureau.

**Emmanuel Gonzalez and Amarieon Maybell** were indicted on two counts of Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and three counts of Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Amarieon Maybell was also indicted for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree and Emmanuel Gonzalez was also indicted on Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Resisting Arrest. These charges are in relation to events that occurred in July and August of 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Monica O'Brien, of the Elder Abuse Bureau.



## MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley was the guest lecturer for Professor John O'Donoghue's Toxicology 501 class at the University of Rochester. Sandra gave a presentation on two criminal cases and the importance of DNA evidence in both cases.

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office has adopted five large families to provide a full Thanksgiving Day dinner. If you are interested in adopting a family to help ensure everyone who wants a dinner in our community has one, please reach out to Primetime585 at

<https://www.facebook.com/Primetime-Learning-Academy-108869610926268/> or <https://twitter.com/PrimetimeBall>



Primetime 585 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Primetime 585 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Adopt a Family



Primetime 585 will be adopting families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please consider adopting and helping families in need. Each meal donated will contain all the fixings for a family holiday meal.

Donations can be monetary or groceries donated directly to the family. Cash donations can be sent to Venmo: [@primetime585](https://www.venmo.com/primetime585)

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## MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/news/local/hilton-principal-accused-of-abusing-students-has-posted-bail>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/miguel-cotto-convicted-of-sexual-assault-against-minor>

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/rochester-man-convicted-of-ongoing-sexual-abuse-of-child-younger-than-13/6275790/>

<https://news.yahoo.com/former-principal-arrested-alleged-sexual-182300456.html>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/public-safety/2021/10/18/former-northwood-elementary-principal-kirk-ashton-posts-bail>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/kirk-ashton-former-hilton-principal-charged-with-sex-abuse-to-be-released-on-bail/>



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